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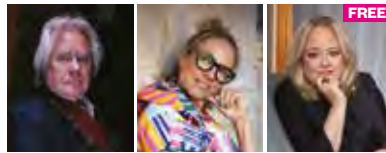
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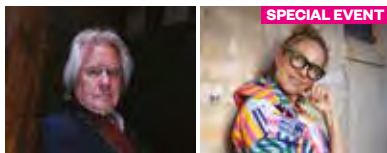
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The 2026 Western Australia Margaret River Pro Pre-Event Community Notification

Event setup: 30 March to 14 April

Easter: 3 April - 6 April

Relationships Australia WA Margaret River Pro Trials: 10 April

Athlete Training Day: 15 April

Main Event dates: 16 - 26 April [4-6 days of competition]

Event pack down: 27 April - 3 May

Surfers Point - Changed traffic conditions to Surfers Point 30 March - 3 May.

Full Surfers Point Car Park closure 10 April - 3 May.

Surfers Point to Rivermouth footpath closure 14 - 27 April [You can access the Rivermouth on foot using the Rivermouth Road footpaths at any time].

Parking - Will only be available at McLeods Paddock, Wallcliffe Road opposite the Margaret River Golf Course on the weekend of the event. The shuttle bus will run on a continuous loop from Surfers Point to McLeods parking area. Parking will be available at Riflebutts Reserve during weekdays.

Buses - Will only run on weekends - leaving from McLeods Paddock, Wallcliffe Road opposite the Margaret River Golf Course to Surfers Point. Buses will run from 8am - 4pm

depending on the competition schedule. There is no time schedule with buses running on a rotation.

Traffic Management - Local Gnarabup/Prevelly/Gracetown residents will be issued with a Resident's Pass.

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Message Boards - There will be visual message boards on Wallcliffe Road near the Margaret River Skate Park and near the Margaret River Golf Club. These will provide information regarding if the site is at capacity. If this is the case, please consider watching the event online at www.worldsurfleague.com, or at participating local businesses as indicated in the event guide.

On Surfing Competition days Riflebutts dog exercise area will be closed however the dog beach section will remain open.

There will be NO DOGS allowed on the event site.



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Leeuwin Lines
**FLINDERS BAY BEACH
 TOY BOX-LIBRARY
 COMMUNITY PROJECT**

The Lions Club of Leeuwin were happy to be involved and provide sponsorship to a joint community project for a Beach Toy Box Library recently installed at Flinders Bay near the play area.



Cherie, Mark, Peter and Carmel a big part of the volunteer team

The concept is a fairly simple one - a box located near a beach can be loaded with toys and shared by both locals and visitors to the area. Once a child has finished playing, the toys are returned or swapped so the next one can use them.

The setting up of the toy library works best when the community

takes ownership, which occurred with the number of local groups and volunteers that became involved. Beach toy libraries show how small ideas can make a big difference, like reducing waste, saving families money, and inspiring people to share, while rethinking what we buy new and throw away.

The Augusta Men's Shed did a great job building the toy box and local artists Cherie Fraser and Janine Warden did a wonderful job painting and decorating it, whilst Mark Norris and Austin Fraser volunteered the heavy work of installing and building the supports. The Augusta Reference Group drove the project with financial support from the Lions Club of Leeuwin and donated toys from the Lions Toy shop.

We would also like to acknowledge the Augusta Margaret River Shire Council for their support of the project.

**LIONS DINNER MEETING
 AND PARTNERS' NIGHT**

A good attendance at the recent Partner's night enjoyed the varied presentations from the three guests who spoke.

First was Saul Evans a local boy who Lions were pleased to sponsor for a voyage on the Sail Training Ship Leeuwin.

Saul spoke with confidence and acquired knowledge, and entertained the audience with some humorous incidents that took place whilst onboard. He finished by thanking Lions for providing the opportunity, and saying how much he enjoyed



Saul Evans - local youth from STS Leeuwin

the experience, which has already introduced him to a new circle of good friends and more sailing.

Second to address the meeting was Wendy Mathews, current manager of the Community Resource Centre (CRC) who spoke on three topics of interest - the 'Whalesong' Festival over the long weekend in June, 'Staying in Place' a CRC



Wendy Mathews, Manager Augusta CRC

initiative to help our senior citizens retain independence and remain in their own homes, and an 'Introduction to Golf for Youth' based on professional coaching lessons conducted from the Par 3 course in town. All were very well presented using an overhead projector and pamphlets and were of genuine relevance to many in the room.

Finally, past District Governor Ted Watts, current Chair of the Lions Hearing Foundation, gave an informative address on the activities of the Foundation and the Lions Hearing Bus. The bus, which is a mobile screening unit, travels Statewide and into remote locations. On the visit to Augusta, Margaret River and Cowaramup the results



Ted, Sue and Bob from Lions Hearing Bus

of over 100 people tested revealed more than 70% needed hearing aids.

It's not that people seem more angry in our area, it's just that most need to speak louder!

**BEACON OF LIGHT –
 AN AMAZING FUNDRAISER**

What started as a bold community challenge has become a remarkable success story for Lions in Western Australia.

From 26 February to 2 March 2026, volunteers fired up the barbecue at Bunnings Joondalup and kept it sizzling for an incredible **102 continuous hours** in what became the longest sausage sizzle ever held in Australia.

By the time the final sausage came off the grill Lions and community supporters had cooked **8,200 sausages and raised an incredible \$50,000** to support the **Lions Beacon of Light Project**.

The event also marked the **official public launch of the van**, which will deliver mental health support and suicide prevention outreach across Western Australia.

A powerful community effort.

The marathon fundraiser was masterminded by long-time Lion Ray Zinner, with volunteers working around the clock to keep the barbecue going day and night.

Leeuwin Lines continued...

Originally aiming to raise \$20,000, the community far exceeded expectations, helping secure vital funding to support the van's:

- ongoing operations and fuel
- secure storage
- website development
- volunteer recruitment and training; and
- community outreach across Western Australia.

The official opening of the event was conducted by WA Police Commissioner **Col Blanch**, recognising the importance of community-led mental health support.



TURNING LIVED EXPERIENCE INTO LIFESAVING ACTION

The Beacon of Light initiative was established by the Lions Club of Whitford's Derek Best and Troy Coward, who both bring deeply personal lived experience to the mission.



Derek lost three close friends to suicide within a short period, while Troy's father tragically took his own life when Troy was just fifteen years old. "What began as personal pain has become a purpose,"

Derek said. "We don't want anyone else to feel as alone as our families and friends did. If a short conversation can save a life, then every kilometre that van drives is worth it."

The project was endorsed at the State Convention in Augusta in 2024 and has now been formally adopted by Lions District 201WA for a three-year term.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE GAINS MOMENTUM

The response from community organisations to the Leeuwin Lions "Financial Aid in return for Assistance" program has brought very pleasing results, with local organisations now booked many months ahead.

With wine bottles and additional types of containers being

added to the collectable items from 1st July 2026, shed manager Lion Phill Robinson said the additional help will be more valuable than ever.

In return for two people from an organisation helping out with sorting and counting containers over four hours on a Thursday and Saturday morning for four weeks, the organisation receives a donation of \$2,000.

It does not have to be the same two people and allows the task to be shared amongst many over the course of the month. A win-win for all.... and always goodies for morning tea.

ACTIVITIES IN BRIC-A-BRAC SHED

Good weather and summer holidays has brought increasing numbers into the Second hand goods and Bric a Brac Shed this year.

Lion Sylvia Newbury has done a great job tidying up and displaying products, but now needs support to properly staff the area. With so many sales now being transacted by tap and go, Sylvia would love to have a helper who is technically proficient...or in other words someone who knows how to work a card machine. She will even provide you with a desk.

PLANT STALL ATTRACTS MORE THAN A FEW BEES

There are now a number of volunteer busy bees helping Lion Margaret Martin provide supplies for the Plant Stall in preparation for a bumper Easter Saturday trading.

The stall, which attracts a big crowd on the first Saturday of each month it opens, has been a regular and solid source of income for the Club throughout the year. From cucumbers to carrots, or daisies to daffodils, you will likely find them all there. May need to camp at the gates overnight to avoid disappointment!

VALE GLORIA PARKE

Lions and long time residents will fondly remember Gloria and the wonderful contribution she made to many community organisations during her association with the district spanning many decades.

Gloria spent numerous years working diligently and reliably in the clothing department at the Lions Shed and otherwise in support of her husband Lion Norm Parke, a former Club president, in his many activities for the benefit of the Lions organisation.

Gloria passed away last month aged 96 years and will be sadly missed by all those she knew and helped.





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GOODBYE TO ALL THAT

It was twenty years ago when the late Owen Jones called up Don Bradshaw, Emeritus Professor of Zoology at the University of WA, attaching a 2001 plan from the State's Planning Department for a proposed sub-division in the pristine bushland on the edge of the Hardy Inlet.

Owen (as CEO of the ACDA) had organised a petition, signed by 943 residents (from a population of 1,068), objecting to the planned development, and suggested that Don might like to help by conducting a biodiversity survey, and thereby was the dawning of ERGA, the Environmental Research Group Augusta.

Effective communication and education might be said to be key to any public campaign. And that was ERGA's mission.

But we were not alone. An Open Day in the Donovan Street Bushland in 2009 had many helpers. There were presentations from Don, Neale Bougher, the late Ann Austin, Steve Connell and Peter Lane, a sausage sizzle courtesy the Augusta butcher, and music from Les Challis. An art display from the Primary School featuring the biodiversity found in the bushland formed an impressive backdrop. This practice continued on for many years thanks to Jan Gathe, Augusta's local botanist.

Once established, ERGA focused on organising a second petition in 2009. There was another impressive response from 653 signatories, 73% of whom were resident in Augusta. They had been asked to support the following statement:

"To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled, we the undersigned residents of Western Australia urge in the strongest possible terms that the tract of Unallocated Crown Land (UCL) known as the Donovan Street bushland in Augusta be protected from development by vesting it with the Conservation Commission such that it becomes part of the National Estate and its unique biodiversity is preserved for both present and future generations."

This petition was presented to the Hon Barry House, Leader of the Legislative Council on May 18, 2010, by Don and Felicity, and accompanied by letters of support from environmental luminaries, such as Professor Steve Hopper AC (at the time Director of Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew), Professor Kingsley Dixon, (Science Director of the Kings Park and Botanic Garden), Eric James, President of ACDA, and Mr Keiran McNamara, Director of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

The response from the State Government Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs, was received from the Minister for Planning Hon John Day MLA on September 15, 2010, as follows:

The Shire of Augusta-Margaret River Local Planning Scheme is yet to be finalised and gazetted. However, the Shire and the Western Australian Planning Commission have recommended to me that the Donovan Street bushland be reserved as 'Parks and Recreation'.

Well, that was a start – but not enough!

ERGA has had many supporters, not the least was the late Cam Gilmore. Remember his Friday night chook raffles in the pub? Spurred on by others in the community, namely Roger and Helena Crabtree, Miles and Mary Rees from the Augusta PS, David Novy, John and Barbara Altman, and Jenny Kikeros, Don organised a series of biennial lectures given by his scientific colleagues, Steve Hopper, Kingsley Dixon, Neville Marchant, Hans Lambers and Keven Thiele. These were designed to further the community's understanding of the 'jewels' they had in their 'Kings Park'.

With a grant from LotteryWest, ERGA built an Interpretation Centre. This little jarrah 'house', at the end of Victoria Parade in the parking area, highlights some of the plants, animals and fungi you can find there.

Next step was an appeal to the Shire's Environmental Management Fund for a book, *Augusta's Kings Park*, with chapters from experts in their field, and decorated by Primary School artists. The book is a compilation of the plants, animals, fungi, invertebrates and a little local colour. Four thousand copies have been distributed 'for a gold coin'.



We must have persisted long enough, because a final submission to the Shire's Biodiversity Strategy arguing strongly for the long-term protection of both the Donovan Street Bushland and the large tract of bushland to the north of the townsite of East Augusta, known locally as 'The Timber Block', was successful.

Augusta M/R Shire Council in its Planning Scheme No 2 agreed to change the zoning of Reserve No 48835 (the Donovan Street Bushland) and Reserve No 18644 (the Timber Block in East Augusta) to 'Environmental Conservation'. Job done!

At a final meeting on Valentine's Day, 2026, ERGA expressed gratitude to its many supporters in Augusta over the many years.



The original subdivision proposal for Donovan St bushland



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Spiritual Reflection

By *BILL WOODAGE*

Have you had the misfortune to be tricked, scammed or deceived by others who have taken advantage of your good nature?

This is what happened to Adam and Eve as recorded in the first book of the Bible. In this case the fallen angel, Lucifer, also known as the devil or satan, tricked by deception the first two humans. Prior to this they lived in a most perfect state. Satan, the father of lies, deceived them by words of doubt against the authority of their maker, Creator God.

Because of Satan's misinformation, both Adam and Eve fell into sin. Thus, they hid from the presence of God as their shame and disobedience was overpowering.

Genesis 3:9 records the conversation: But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

This question still applies today to every human person on planet earth. This is a most important question to all the children of Adam – that is you and I and every person who has ever lived and is yet to live. The Lord speaks to all of us; He also gives us a conscience, as a silent judge in our minds, to guide and help us do better.

Well, what is the elephant in the room? It is sin. Sin is rebellion against our Creator God. God loves us and He

sent His Son, Jesus, as a ransom sacrifice to pay the penalty for our rebellious nature against God's will. Jesus stands in the breach to make us perfect before the Father. Everyone can invite Jesus to be Lord of their lives and be given the gifts of eternal life and forgiveness of sin.

He is only a prayer away to those who are sincere and desire His new life within.

John 10:28 *And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.*

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Shire news

April 2026

Welcome to March from Shire President Julia Jean-Rice

Kaya Augusta,

In case you missed it, I'm pleased to share that Council gave the green light to restoring the Turner Street Jetty at our February meeting. We're now going out to tender to find a suitable contractor and have adjusted our 2025–26 budget so work can begin as soon as possible to deliver a like-for-like replacement of this much-loved community asset.

We're also seeking your feedback on the Revised Concept Plan for the Ellis Street Precinct. The new plan covers renewal, environmental restoration, public land use, and landscaping for the area and incorporates earlier community input as well as technical engineering advice. Consultation closes at 12pm on Tuesday 7 April 2026. Head to our YourSay page for more information.

At the time of writing, Council is set to consider the new Local Planning Policy for Large-Scale Renewable Energy Facilities. The policy aims to provide a clear framework for assessing proposals and advising the State's Development Assessment Panel, which makes the final decisions on these projects. After delaying our decision in February to review additional public feedback, the policy has been refined and will be

considered for adoption at the March meeting. I'll keep you posted on the outcome.

In other news, Augusta's Leeuwin Biddi Trail has won the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia's award for Best Regional Project Under \$2 million (WA). The trail connects Augusta to Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse and is designed for all ages and abilities. If you haven't explored it yet, the cooler autumn days of Djeran are the perfect time for a stroll along or ride along this spectacular coastline.

Finally, it is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of former Shire Councillor Mike Smart. Mike served on Council from 2007 to 2019, including a term as Shire President from 2013 to 2015. A strong supporter of Augusta and deeply passionate about the town's revitalisation, he made a meaningful contribution to our community. On behalf of Council and the Shire's Administration, we extend our sincere condolences to Mike's family and loved ones, and thank him for his dedicated service.

Warm regards
Julia Jean-Rice | Shire President



Victoria Parade

Drainage and pavement upgrades are underway, including new subsoil drainage, kerbs, pavement renewal and asphalt repairs.

Expect short detours and closures, with local access maintained at all times.

Ellis Street Precinct Concept Plan

Tell us what you think about the Revised Ellis Street Precinct Concept Plan!

In 2023, the Shire created a draft Ellis Street Precinct Concept Plan to guide infrastructure renewal, environmental restoration, public land use, and landscaping within the precinct. Community feedback on the original draft has been carefully considered, and the plans have now been revised to reflect this input.

For more information and to contribute feedback please visit Your Sat between 17 March and 7 April 2026.

www.yoursay.amrshire.wa.gov.au/ellis-street-jetty-precinct



Turner Street Jetty gets the green light

The Turner Street Jetty is one step closer to reopening, with Council voting to support progressing the project through procurement at last month's Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Turner Street Jetty was closed in March 2025 in the interest of public safety, following assessment from an independent marine engineer that found serious structural deterioration.

A Community Working Group was formed in autumn 2025, and their feedback guided a concept design that was put to the broader community late last year.

More than 550 residents responded to a Shire-wide community survey in late 2025, with 92% of submitters supportive of a like-for-like replacement of the fixed timber jetty.

The project will be funded using budget previously allocated to the Turner Street foreshore wall replacement. Design work for the foreshore wall will continue to allow it to be completed in future financial years.

During the consultation phase, Shire officers continued to work behind the scenes to progress the design for the jetty and ensure required environmental and heritage approvals were in place. This background work will allow for the next stage of the project to move forward as efficiently as possible.

The next step for the project is to seek a suitable supplier to finalise the detailed design. Once the procurement and design stage is complete, the community will be informed of a project timeline for the restoration.



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Augusta & Margaret River Libraries Nala Kaatajiin Mia / Our Knowledge House

Will you find a Golden Feather at your local library?

There are thousands of feather shaped bookmarks hidden in the children's and YA section of public libraries across WA. Look for an emerald, silver or golden feather to claim a fantastic prize.

Come to the Augusta Library to join the hunt before 8 May!

Lego and crafts at Augusta Library this school holidays

Join our one hour long Lego Club session to take on new challenges. Best suited to children over 5 years and bookings are essential. All Lego is provided in this free session in addition to craft materials for extra activities.

Tuesday 14 April 10.30 - 11.30am

Scan the QR code to book or call 08 9780 5600.

Augusta Library opening hours

Tuesdays: 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm

Wednesdays: 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm

Thursdays: 10am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm.

The library is closed on Monday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Margaret River HEART Nala Bardip Mia / Our Story House

Literature

- Margaret River Readers & Writers Festival - ON SALE NOW!
- Get your tickets at www.mrrwfestival.com

Community events

- Wed, Apr 8, 11:00 AM - Workshop With Victoria Robertson (ages 12+)
- Fri, Apr 10, 11:00 AM - Workshop With Victoria Robertson (ages 12+)
- Thu, Apr 16, 10.30 AM - Woody's Ukelele School & Concert (ages 6+)
- Thu, Apr 16, 2:00 PM - Woody's Ukelele School & Concert (ages 6+)

Young@HEART Concerts in the Foyer

FREE live music each Monday from 10am (except Apr 6 & 27 as these are Public Holidays) Check artsmargaretriver.com for full program

Theatre, music, comedy & dance

- Sun, Apr 19 - CATALPA: Flight to Freedom

Cinema & film festivals

- Tue, Apr 7, 7pm - Wuthering Heights
- Thu Apr 9, 10:30am - The Magic Faraway Tree
- Sat, Apr 11, 7pm - Fackham Hall
- Mon, Apr 13, 12.30pm - Fackham Hall
- Mon, Apr 13, 7pm - 500 Days in the Wild
- Tue, Apr 14, 1pm - The Magic Faraway Tree
- Thurs, Apr 16, 7pm - Snakes and Surf Breaks
- Mon, Apr 20, 7pm - Point of Change
- Fri, Apr 24, 7pm - GOAT

Visual arts

- Feb 19-Apr 10 - My Life in Miniature (Exhibition) Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
- Mar 18-Apr 27 - Women & Art: Myths, Legends and Goddesses (Exhibition) - Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
- Apr 14-27 - Whispers of Wings & Waves - An Exhibition by Aimee Hurley - Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm
- Apr 30-May 25 - Visual Stories Competition & Exhibition - Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm





Self-Care Sundays

Gentle yoga to relax and unwind.

Sunday 19 April, 3-4.30 pm,
Augusta CRC, 66 Allnut Tce



Yoga at Karridale Hall

Mon 9.15am & Thurs 6pm

For details

www.yogaforinnercalm.com/offerings
or phone Mary 0435 093 277



Applications are now open for The Farm Margaret River's 2027 Funded Residency program.

A leading Arts Residency program in Western Australia, offering a unique opportunity for artists to develop work that engages thoughtfully with the land. The Farm Margaret River is located on Wardandi Noongar land, an ancient and ever-evolving natural environment surrounded by sacred caves, Karri forests, and rugged coastline. The Farm exists within a region rich in ecological and cultural significance.

The Artist in Residence program provides a unique opportunity for visual artists to undertake focused, site-responsive work. The residency will be awarded to an artist who demonstrates a strong creative practice, whose work will both enhance our engagement and awareness of the area and benefit their own professional career.

The program supports the artist to develop ambitious work in direct response to environmental, ecological, agricultural and/or the cultural context.

The Artist in Residence program includes:

- An 8-10 week residency for an artist to work in a site-responsive context
- An Artist fee of \$15000 will support living and project-related costs during the residency
- Accommodation and studio facilities provided on site at The Farm Margaret River
- Coverage of travel costs to and from Margaret River
- Professional documentation of the residency and work developed on site

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- Research and practical support, mentoring, introductions to local networks and arts organisations
- Opportunity to present the project to a panel for additional funding and resources
- A community engagement event where the work is shared with the community

The residency supports visual artists from emerging to established professional practice.

Now in its ninth year, The Farm's Residency program continues to cultivate a dynamic exchange between contemporary art and Country.

The Artist in Residence program welcomes applications from Australian and international artists. Proposals should demonstrate originality, thoughtful site responsiveness, and a commitment to creating meaningful discourse about land and our connection to it.

DATES

Applications open March 2, and close 5:00pm (AWST) Monday June 1, 2026.

The eight-to-ten-week residency is to be undertaken between February and November 2027. Timing of the residency is to be determined between the Funded Residency recipient and The Farm.

MORE

For information and to apply, visit:
www.thefarmmargaretriver.com.au



Wind farm feasibility study

Wind farm approvals update

Following Synergy's referral of the proposed wind farm to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW), DCCEEW has made the referral decision — *Not controlled action if taken in a particular manner*.

In making this decision, DCCEEW has determined that the proposed wind farm is not likely to have a significant impact on Federally protected flora, fauna or ecological communities and so does not require assessment by DCCEEW, provided that the wind farm is developed in accordance with the 'particular manner' specified in the decision. The 'particular manner' includes a new commitment to ensure the minimum blade ground clearance is 59 metres above ground level (increased from 40 metres above ground level at the time of referral), to avoid significant impacts to black cockatoos and migratory birds.

If the wind farm goes ahead, the wind turbines still wouldn't exceed 250 metres above the ground. With the new minimum blade ground clearance requirement of 59 metres, the turbine tower height and blade length must be selected so that the turbine blades are always between 59–250 metres above ground level.

For more information on the DCCEEW decision and all aspects of the 'particular manner' requirement, visit their website: www.bit.ly/epbcpublicportal

Synergy's Development Approval application is under assessment by the Shire of Augusta Margaret River and Regional Development Assessment Panel. Further information will be shared as this assessment progresses.

To receive updates or find out more, please register by scanning the QR code.



For more information

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CWA Recipes of the Month

3 INGREDIENT MEATBALLS

Easy and a great recipe for the Children to make.

Cooking time: 10 mins

Ingredients:

500gms mince meat

1 egg

1 pkt LOW SALT French onion soup



PRE-HEAT OVEN 180dC

MIX together

TEASPOON size mixture into balls, roll with clean wet hands onto baking paper on baking tray

REFRIGERATE for 10 mins to allow egg to set

BAKE for 10 mins, or until cooked through

SERVE with your favourite sauce, Bolognaise, Sweet & Sour, Satay and pasta or rice

STORE in freezer for a ready-made meals. Great as an alternative to sandwiches for school lunches, they thaw out in the lunch box before lunch time.

VANILLA/CREAM SLICE

1 pkt Vanilla instant pudding

600gms Fresh cream - chilled

1 pkt SAO Biscuits (alternative to Lattice Biscuits)

4 tblsps Sugar syrup, equal parts water and sugar, heat and stir, do not boil (alternative to Lattice Biscuits)

BEAT vanilla instant pudding and chilled cream

LINE baking dish with SAO biscuits, top with sugar syrup

ADD pudding and cream mix, top with sugar syrup

PLACE another layer of SAO biscuits

REFRIGERATE 2 hours

Sugar syrup will make sweet enough without adding passionfruit icing, or add passionfruit icing if you prefer sweeter.

FRESH MAYONNAISE

1 egg

2 teasp dijon mustard

1 tabsp lemon juice

200ml oil

BLITZ all ingredients for 20 seconds, thick fresh mayo

STORE in fridge, use within a week

YOUR AUGUSTA PROPERTY PARTNERS



With deep **local knowledge** and a **genuine commitment** to our community, we're proud to guide Augusta residents through every step of their property decisions. From **clear market updates** to personalised **advice**, our team is here to make the process feel simple, transparent and informed.



Our team provides free, easy-to-understand market information to help you make confident, informed decisions. **Book your FREE appraisal today by scanning the QR code.**



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Year 6 GRIP Leadership Conference

In Week 3 our Year 6 cohort travelled to Bunbury to participate in the GRIP Leadership conference along with many other school groups from the Southwest. This was a fabulous event that opened our eyes to practical ways for our kids to challenge their thinking, step outside their comfort zone and consider ways they can become leaders or contribute towards the betterment of Augusta Primary School. Students participated in small challenges, considered leadership examples and interacted with others to develop their understanding of integrity, values and opportunities for growth.

These valuable understandings will be unpacked more in class over the next few weeks, although I am certain that all our Year 6 students now understand the importance of being good role models and the qualities of a leader.



Year 2/3 Land Art Incursion



On Tuesday 24th February the Year 2/3 class had the opportunity to participate in a wonderful, creative incursion organised by Ellie Ward, Environment Education Officer at Nature Conservation Margaret River Region. Ellie will also be coordinating more activities for the class going into next term, as part of the Our Patch programme.

An hour and a half land art workshop was run outdoors by artist in residence, Elaine Clocherty. Students took turns in collaborating with Elaine to create a large snake design on the ground near our nature play area. Students also created their own clay snakes, decorated with natural materials and placed the finished creations onto bark. These clay snakes will become part of a larger installation at the Community River & Land Art Trail. Through hands-on creative practice, students explored how symbolic storytelling, collaboration and place-based learning can strengthen connections to Country, culture and ecology.



Hello!



Karridale Primary School News



ROBYN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE AT KPS



Above: Robyn Dennis celebrates 50 years of service at our school!

We were delighted to celebrate **Robyn Dennis**, Manager of Corporate Services, marking an incredible 50 years of service at Karridale Primary School on 3 March 2026.

Robyn's connection with the school began as a student herself, attending as a Year 1 when Kindy and Pre-primary were not yet part of the school. She commenced her career here in 1976 as a secretary, spending many hours typing and supporting the daily running of the school. Over the years, Robyn also worked in the library before moving into her current role as Manager of Corporate Services.

It has been clear to see the passion, dedication and deep knowledge Robyn brings to her work every day. She has persevered through challenges such as updated school management systems!

Marking the occasion, Robyn donated a new letterbox and gifted bags of "doogs"—glass marbles that were once a playground favourite. By teaching the children how to play, she shared not just a game, but a glimpse into the school's past and her lasting connection to it.

On behalf of the entire school community, we sincerely thank Robyn for her ongoing commitment to education and for the countless ways she has supported students, staff and families over the past five decades.

THANKS GIVING COMMUNITY!

A big shout out to the **Augusta Men's Shed** for giving our 20 year old outdoor settings a new lease on life! The men willingly took on the task to replace rusted legs, weld everything back together and reuse the original timer—now beautifully sanded and oiled with impressive results.

A special mention to John Parlor for overseeing the project with Gary Brown learning welding skills along the way. Thanks also to David Watterson and Peter Madeley for jumping in to help move the heavy structures. We're so grateful for your time, skill and care—thank you!

Also, another big, heartfelt thank you to the generous local businesses, organisations and community groups who support our school — we're so appreciative of everything you do.

This Term alone we've benefitted from cash donations from **St Elizabeth's Anglican Church** in Augusta and the **Augusta and Districts Garden Club**. We gratefully received food products for our Sports Day sausage sizzle from **Augusta Meats** and the **Augusta Bakery**; soft drink from **Ingrid Moss** and onions from **Rebecca de Burgh** of **Wild Lot Distillery**.

The kind folk at **Karridale Tavern** have run meat raffles in our honour and **Robyn Dennis** donated funds towards a new benchtop in our administration office.

We also acknowledge our dedicated P&C volunteers, who have more fundraisers planned this year, with goals such as



L-R: John Parlor, Peter Madeley, David Watterson and Gary Brown of the Augusta Men's Shed seated at our outdoor setting they refurbished.

the replacement of some of our much-loved (and well-used) playground equipment, and helping students attend swimming lessons in Term 3. Thanks for being such a valued part of our school community.

Karridale Primary School ~ an independent public school

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DISCOVER

AUGUSTA PLAYGROUP

WHO WE ARE

Playgroups are a wonderful way for children to learn and build life skills through play, while parents connect and make friends with local families. We're inclusive everyone is welcome!

WE MEET

When ; Fridays (during school term)
9:00 am - 10:30 am
Where : Augusta Primary School
32 Allnut Terrace, Augusta

****please sign in at the office****

CONTACT

Augustaplaygroup@outlook.com

WHAT WE DO

We follow a general guide but it is a very relaxed and flexible session guided by the feelings of the families.

- 9:00 am Sign attendance sheet and set up.
- 9:00 am Free play (indoor & outdoor) and activities available
- 10:00 am Pack away time.
- 10:15 am Music/Rhyme/Story time
- 10:30 am Goodbye time.

We are 100% Family run so everyone pitches in

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring hats, water bottles and your own morning tea. We have coffee and tea available for carers.

FEES

A \$35 per year (or just \$15 with a Health Care Card).

Your first two sessions are on us! 🎉 Membership just needs to be sorted before your third visit.

One membership covers your whole family for the year all kids, all Playgroup WA playgroups and keeps everyone insured and ready for fun!



GROUP AGREEMENT

Respect - we are a safe place for all, Please respect each other and the space we get to use

Safety - Each parent is responsible for their own child's behaviour and safety.

Sick Children - If your child is unwell or recovering please do not attend playgroup.

Signing in - Please sign in each week on the attendance sheet.





Doorstep Dinnerz

Delicious Classic Meals Delivered To Your Door

Bringing the comfort of good old home cooking using fresh, locally sourced produce, chilled and delivered in Augusta, Margaret River and surrounding areas.

AGED CARE and NDIS HOME CARE PACKAGES ACCOMMODATED

STARTERS

Traditional Prawn Cocktail - 8.95
A refreshing salad with plump and juicy prawns coated in a creamy, zesty and tangy Marie Rose sauce, served over a bed of crisp lettuce.
(Gluten free, contains shellfish, eggs)

Pumpkin Soup - 7.95
Silky, warm and aromatic with a gentle sweetness of roasted pumpkin finished with a hint of spice.
(Gluten free, contains dairy)

Autumn Salad - 8.20
A cosy, nutrient-dense salad that balances the richness of roasted vegetables, herbs, leafy greens, lightly coated with an apple cider vinaigrette.
(Gluten free, contains mustard)

Sweet Potato Salad - 8.75
A traditional salad with a twist, balancing natural sweetness with savoury and crunchy elements. Roasted Sweet Potatoes, crispy bacon and lettuce, caramelised red onion, boiled eggs with a light honey citrus mayonnaise dressing.
(Gluten free, contains eggs, mustard)

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY ALLERGIES OR INTOLERANCES PRIOR TO ORDERING. WE TAKE CARE IN PREPARATION, THOUGH MINIMAL TRACES MAY STILL OCCUR.

MAINS

Bangers and Mash - 18.95
Flavourful pork sausages, rich, hearty onion gravy, creamy mashed potato, seasonal vegetables.
(Contains gluten, dairy, soy, sulphites) GF option

Seafood Chowder - 18.95
A hearty blend of fresh fish, prawns, aromatic vegetables served in a rich creamy broth with a beautiful depth of flavour.
(Gluten free, contains shellfish, fish, dairy, sulphites)

Pea and Bacon Risotto - 17.95
A classic Italian dish consisting of creamy rice, a contrast of smoky, salty crispy bacon and the sweet fresh pop of garden peas finished with Parmesan cheese.
(Gluten free, contains dairy)

Beef Bourguignon - 18.80
A heartwarming French classic. Slowly braised succulent chunks of beef in red wine, with earthy mushrooms, caramelised onions and carrots served on a creamy herb mash.
(Gluten free, contains sulphites, soy, dairy)

Chicken and Chorizo Tomato Pasta - 18.60
A medley of rich flavours and contrasting textures. Pan fried chicken, smoky chorizo and penne pasta coated with a vibrant tomato and basil sauce.
(Contains gluten / gluten free option)

Vegetable Lasagne - 17.95
Layers of grilled zucchini, eggplant, smoky sweetness of capsicum, mushrooms, bound with a tomato passata, spinach bechamel sauce, served with a fresh green salad. (GF, contains dairy)

DESSERTS

Lemon Cheesecake - 12.25 A beautiful lemon curd using lemons from my garden, mixed with cream cheese and cream, set on a base of buttered crushed biscuits.
(Contains dairy / gluten / eggs)

Sticky Date and Toffee Pudding - 12.00
The classic rich, moist sponge cake served with a beautiful toffee sauce.
(Contains gluten / dairy / eggs)

Chocolate and Pear Brownie - 13.00
A perfect chocolate indulgence. A crunchy, fudgy brownie with poached Bartlett Pears from my orchard, served with a rich chocolate sauce.
(Gluten free)



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By **PETER KEPPEL**

The Men's Shed continues to be a busy and happy place that encourages its members to use the Shed. This includes members, ladies and visitors visiting to carry out their woodwork, metalwork, spray painting and mechanical projects.

Having morning tea together is an important aspect caring for the people of Augusta and surrounding locations.

Each Friday the Shed meeting room is busy with local people coming to use the Pool Table and socialise.

Local people and/or new members are always welcome. It also continues to have a steady income from the making of, and by selling, goods and doing jobs for local people and the local community. An example of our work is the construction of seats and garden boxes in the main street of Augusta.

Members and visitors are reminded that the Shed and its Shop are open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

Again, thanks to the Augusta Bakery for your sponsorship by donating food for our morning tea.

The Shed has for sale a refurbished **TEA20 FERGUSON 25HP TRACTOR** fitted with a 3ft wide slasher. The tractor can be inspected at the Shed. It will be advertised for sale on Facebook.



The lovingly restored "Little Grey Fergie" that is for sale.



AUGUSTA BRIDGE CLUB

Come and join us -
Phone Sue Air 0419 953369
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	First Place	Second Place
Feb 24 th	Mal Johnson & Beth Johnson	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson
March 9 th	Di Ellis & Edie Williams	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson
March 16 th	Lyn Leonard & Merione Wilson	Mal Johnson & Beth Johnson

Biomimicry

By JAY HARMAN

Web of Safety

Australia is perhaps best known/notorious internationally for all of the things that can bite you or kill you - a great source of pride for us Aussies. Right up there are our marvelous, indigenous, redback (closely related to black widow) spiders.

A bite from a female (the one that is actually red) will land you in hospital and may even threaten your life. Although native to Australia, they've managed to hitchhike out of here and now populate a number of other countries. Here in the South West we probably think the only good redback is a dead one. However, it turns out they're masters of design and technology that we can gain valuable insights from.

You've probably heard claims that spider silk has a higher strength to weight ratio than the finest steel. In fact, at five times that of steel it's the strongest fibre known to science. The web of the black widow significantly out performs even the highly-evolved synthetic Kevlar used in bullet-proof vests. Their webs are also waterproof and stretchable with twice the elasticity of nylon. The ancient Greeks even used spider webs to cover wounds – not a bad idea, as spider web silk has antiseptic and anti-fungal agents. It also has high



vitamin K content, which assists clotting and stemming blood flow from injuries. If you ever find the need to use spider web on a boo-boo, just be sure the weaver isn't home.

Research teams around the world are studying spider silk and generating numerous patents for commercialisation. Some of the developments include silk spinning processes based on the principles used by spiders and other insects to create high-strength fabrics. Spiders also produce two types of adhesive. One is an extraordinarily strong glue in droplets. The other is structural, in other words, it clings without glue.

One product inspired by webs called Spirex is useful in a wide range of medical applications. These include medical sutures, the repair of cartilage, bones, joints and damaged nerves including, hopefully, spinal cords. Spider webs are also inspiring a whole new class of biodegradable, super strong, flexible fabrics and bandages that stick without glue.

Their venom offers a whole other area of scientific applications.

Like most biomimetic solutions, the road to implementation of these products hasn't happened overnight but it is gathering pace.

It's been calculated that in the US alone up to three billion birds die every year from impacts with glass windows – particularly those of large office buildings or skyscrapers and many thousands of times more than any losses caused by wind turbines (but that's another fascinating story with biomimetic solutions).

Did you ever wonder how birds avoid spider webs? It so happens that spider webs reflect ultraviolet light and, unlike us, birds can see ultraviolet light reflections. I guess spiders don't want to bite off more than they can chew – and by creating a seemingly solid object from a bird's eye view, they also save time by not having to rebuild smashed webs.

This clever strategy is not lost on a German company where researchers developed the award-winning Ornilux bird protection system. Embedded in their glass sheet is a chaotic pattern of UV reflecting strands modelled on orb web fibres. Almost invisible to the human eye, they make the window look like an impenetrable barrier to a bird. Bird strikes are down by more than 75% in buildings that use Ornilux.

The company, in cooperation with the Max Plank Institute of Germany, has also developed UV reflecting ink in marker pens and decals that can be applied unobtrusively to existing glass.

Incidentally, if you come across a raggedy, haphazardly built orb web in the bush it was crafted by an aging spider. When they get old they no longer care about precision- just what's good enough to get by.



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PROJECT CARE HAMPERS

This worthwhile project continues to support the Augusta Community. Thank You for purchasing a couple of extra non-perishable items and placing them in the CWA Project Care basket at the Village Grocer checkout. This act of kindness makes a difference to those who are going through a difficult time.

A reminder that we cannot use items if they are out of date and their shelf life has expired.

Leeuwin Lions are also involved with this project and we thank them for their continued support. With our combined efforts we are making a positive difference.

CRAFT MORNINGS 9.30am – 1pm on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday each Month

Due to different needs of the Crafters, the 2nd Tuesdays are for Mums and Children and the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays each month will exclude the children - for ladies only.

The children have established a great relationship with Jane Denton and are creating interesting craft.

2 nd Wednesday Of the Month	3 rd Wednesday Of the Month	4 th Wednesday Of the Month
Parents' & Children's Craft	Adults Craft	Adults Craft
8 th April	15 th April	22 nd April
13 th May	20 th May	27 th May
10 th June	17 th June	24 th June
8 th July	15 th July	22 nd July
12 th August	19 th August	26 th August

Below are some of the items made at Craft mornings.



If you would like to share your craft, or work on your own project, or just want a chat and tea/coffee, you are most

welcome.

SPOKEN HEARTED POETRY WORKSHOP

A Spoken Hearted Poetry Workshop was held on the 12th March at the Augusta CWA Hall.

It was a warm and uplifting gathering in celebration of International Women's Day. Facilitated by local writer and performance poet Sari Bennett, the two-hour session created a welcoming and supportive space for women to connect, reflect, and express themselves through poetry. The workshop was thoughtfully designed to be accessible and inclusive, and this was reflected in the diverse group of attendees, including mothers, grandmothers, and women from across generations.

We were pleased to host 10 participants, allowing for an intimate and meaningful experience where everyone had the opportunity to engage deeply with the creative process. Attendees were guided through gentle writing exercises and encouraged to explore their own voices, stories and perspectives.

The atmosphere was one of openness, creativity and mutual respect. Those who attended appreciated the opportunity to participate.

IN MEMORIAM - GLORIA PARKE

The Augusta CWA members are saddened by the passing of Gloria Parke. Gloria is remembered with respect and affection for her many years of service to the CWA organisation. We extend our deepest condolences to her family.

Gloria joined Alexander Bridge branch in the late 1950's or very early 1960's and moved to our group when she and her husband, Norm retired to Augusta.

Gloria enthusiastically supported the usual WA fundraising efforts and held especially fond memories of catering for local weddings a long time ago. We miss her sorely.

Rest in peace Gloria, with Norm, Freddie and Kyffin.



(For CWA Recipes of the Month see page 16)



Now is the perfect time to check your skin!

The end of summer is a perfect time to check your skin. Months of outdoor activities in the sun can leave behind subtle changes you might not notice day to day.

Finding skin changes early can help you stay well for longer and keep you doing the things that matter to you.

Common symptoms of skin cancer include:

- A new spot or mole on your skin that is red, pale or pearly in colour
- A spot that is different from other spots on your skin
- Any crusty or non-healing sores
- Any spots, freckles or any moles changing in size (width), thickness (height), colour, or shape

To learn about the early symptoms of cancer visit:

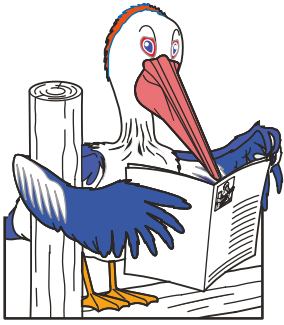
<https://www.findcancerearly.com.au/>

or call our 13 11 20 Information and Support Line.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

April 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED
			1 Coffee with Fogies (See page 35)
5 Easter Sunday Augusta Art Club Exhibition 10:00am - 3:00pm Uniting Church See page 27	6 Easter Monday Bridge Club (See page 27)	7	8 Coffee with Fogies (See page 35) CWA Craft Morning 9:30 - 1:00pm Augusta CWA See page 23
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AROUND AUGUSTA



TIDE CHART
AUGUSTA
LAT: 34° 21'S
LONG: 115° 10'E

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With Senior Regional Officer for the South West, Annetta Bellingeri

WHERE YOU STAND WHEN A BUSINESS CLOSES DOWN

It's never good news when a business announces it's closing, or they have called in administrators. For many consumers, the first question is: what happens to the goods or services I've already paid for? And what about gift cards or credit notes still sitting in my wallet?

The answer depends on the circumstances.

In some cases, a business under administration may continue trading while efforts are made to save it. If you've paid in full and have proof of purchase, you may be able to collect your goods or have the service provided. If you've only paid a deposit, you might be asked to pay the remaining balance to receive the item.

Gift cards and credit notes can also be affected. An administrator may place conditions on their use, such as requiring you to spend additional money in the same transaction. For example, you may need to make a \$100 purchase to redeem a \$50 gift card. This is a way for the administrators to bring in extra money to save the business. If the business is sold, the new owners can decide whether they will honour outstanding gift cards or credit notes. That's why it's always wise to use gift cards sooner rather than later.

If the business closes up shop because it can't be saved, you may lose your money even if you've paid in full, paid a deposit, bought a gift card or have an item in for repair that was yet to be collected.

Unfortunately, customers are generally last in line to be paid when a business goes bust. After any assets are sold off, secured creditors such as banks and suppliers are paid first, followed by employees. If any money remains, unsecured creditors, such as customers, may receive a share. You can register your details with the administrator or liquidator, but there is a possibility you may only receive part of what you're owed, or nothing at all.

However, there is another way you could get your money back, but you will need to act quickly. If you paid by credit card, contact your card provider and ask about a chargeback. Strict time limits apply, so don't delay.

What about warranties or your consumer guarantees? You may still have rights under the Australian Consumer Law. If the manufacturer of your product is different from the retailer that went under, you can contact them directly about a remedy. And if the business continues trading under administration, it may still be able to meet its consumer guarantee obligations. However, if the business has been sold, the new owners can decide whether they will handle claims relating to products purchased before they took over.

To find out who has been appointed to manage a company in administration or liquidation, you can search insolvency notices through Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC). Details may also appear in newspapers or on the company's website.

If you need advice about your situation, contact Consumer Protection on 1300 30 40 54 or visit consumerprotection.wa.gov.au

HOW TO AVOID A HOLIDAY HOUSE HORROR

Staying in a holiday house can be like a home away from home. Unlike hotels and motels, holiday properties are often regular homes or apartments that haven't been designed specifically for accommodation. They may be hosted, where the owner lives onsite, or un-hosted, where guests have exclusive use of the property during their stay.

Travellers usually book these holiday houses through online "sharing economy" platforms like AirBnB and Stayz.

Just like with any product or service you buy, your rights are protected by Australian Consumer Law if things go wrong. This means your holiday accommodation must be safe and of acceptable quality, match the advertised description, provided with due care and skill and be fit for purpose. These rights don't change if you booked through a sharing platform, an app or directly with a provider, and they can't be taken away by terms and conditions.

However, it is important to still take the time to read the platform's terms and conditions and check how complaints are handled if something goes wrong and to know what your rights are should you need to cancel. Also make sure you agree with the house rules the host sets out in the listing before you hit the "confirm booking" button.

When you arrive at the holiday house take the time to look around and make sure everything is in order before you start unpacking the bags. If something is broken or not working, take a photo and send it to the host straight away.

Depending on what is wrong, the host should fix the issue within a reasonable time or offer you a remedy. A broken wine glass may not matter but it might be a different story if the pool is out of service.

The remedy you're entitled to depends on whether the problem is major or minor. A problem with a holiday house could be considered "major" if it creates an unsafe situation, or where an issue or series of issues can't be easily fixed or can't be resolved within a reasonable time. In these cases, you could be entitled to a refund or to cancel without losing any money.

If you paid extra for something like a highchair or beach towels and they're not there, contact the host in the first instance and if they can't resolve this quickly you may be entitled to a refund of that hire fee.

If you break something during your stay, honesty is always best and you should also let the host know.

If contacting the host doesn't resolve the issues, you should raise the matter through the platform's dispute resolution process, if one is available. The sharing economy relies on customers reviews, so leaving a factual review can also help warn other consumers.

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By **MORVEN HANSEN**
Image by various

Although the theme for the 2027 Art Club Exhibition cannot be divulged yet, we will require a workshop from Bev to get our heads around it. However, it is a good theme and (hint) involves colour.

On the subject of colour, here in Augusta when the conditions are right and we look up and see the frequent occurrence of rainbow, or rainbows, as we often get doubles or even triples, we are looking at every colour on earth - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. This order can be remembered as an acronym, ROYGBIV, every other colour is a combination of these. The primary colours for artists are red, yellow and blue. Every colour can be mixed from these 3 and their various tones. Black and white are not classified as colours.

Members Wendy, Julie and Yude will hold an exhibition in the Uniting Church over the Easter weekend. A group of members will head out of town to visit artists' studios during the Blackwood River Art Trail. We will start off in Nannup for the always important coffee!

Artist in a Nutshell is taking a break until next month because my featured artist, Margaret Preston, had a very eventful life and the comprehensive biography, which I am basing my article on, is taking more time to cram into a nutshell than I imagined it would. In short, I am not very good at writing 'in short'.

Easter greetings to readers, forget the chocolate and grab a pencil or paintbox instead.

3 Local Artists



Wendy Strucelj



Julie Westbrook



Yude Mahendri

EASTER

ART

EXHIBITION

Saturday & Sunday

4th & 5th

April 2026

At the

Uniting Church

68 Blackwood Ave Augusta
(opposite Butcher)

10^{am} to 3^{pm}

Enquiries: 0400 023 721

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When all other avenues have been exhausted and the issue remains unresolved, you can lodge a complaint with Consumer Protection for further assistance – 1300 30 40 54.

Since 1 January 2025, providers of short-term rental accommodation within WA must register their property and display the registration number on the listing.

You can easily check the holiday house is correctly registered, simply search “**Check if an address is registered as STRA**”.

WHAT'S YOUR DAILY HABIT - SUDOKO? WORDLE?



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AUGUSTA WHALESONG FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 29TH MAY TO MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2026



**COME AND ENJOY THE
WONDERFUL ACTIVITIES
PLANNED TO CELEBRATE
THE ANNUAL WHALE
MIGRATION AS THEY
VISIT FLINDERS BAY,
AUGUSTA, THIS WINTER!**

- » Opening ceremony at Lions Park at new Whale Tail sculpture.
- » Whalesong Frolic Cocktail Party to celebrate the whale migration.
- » Guided walk and Leeuwin Sundowner taking in the beautiful coastline from the Boat Harbour to the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse.
- » Annual Blessing of the Fleet, Market stalls and food vans.
- » DFES Emergency Services displays.
- » Free screening of Ocean with David Attenborough - an award winning documentary showing the wonder and vitality of the ocean, its fragility and most importantly our ability to protect it.
- » Heaps of family fun and activities for all to enjoy including sand sculpture display, whale sculptures, kite shows & various workshops.
- » Great line up of local music and entertainment across the weekend!

Visit whalesongfestival.com.au for full program and tickets!





WHALESONG FESTIVAL 2026

Whalesong is gearing up to be an exciting weekend for the WA Day long weekend. We have some special ticketed events such as the *Whale Frolic Cocktail Party at the Boat Harbour*, and the *Guided Walk and Sundowner at the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse*. There is also a free viewing of *David Attenborough's Ocean* movie so get in early and book your place at these special events by going to our website – www.whalesongfestival.com.au or by scanning the QR code.



CALL FOR STALLHOLDERS & FOOD VANS

Calling all market stallholders and food/drink van operators. Outdoor stall locations are available this year at the Augusta Boat Harbour.

Register now to avoid disappointment, go to: www.whalesongfestival.com.au/application

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WHALESONG FESTIVAL

The Augusta Community Resource Centre is seeking volunteers to assist at the Whalesong Festival over the WA Day Long Weekend (29 May-1 June 2026). If you are over 16 and would like to participate as a volunteer we have a wide variety of roles you can fill to help us make this a fantastic event for both locals and visitors to enjoy.

If you are interested, please request an application form from our Reception via email – reception@augustacrc.net.au, phone 08 9758 0002 or come in and collect from the front counter.

WE NEED YOU - ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR WHALESONG

If you are a local business or community group and we have not contacted you yet to be involved in the Whalesong Festival, please reach out to us so we can discuss further.

Contact Wendy Mathews, Centre Manager via email manager@augustacrc.net.au or phone 0439 980 932 and leave a message. We would love to hear your ideas and see how it can work at this year's event.

Posters and brochures about the Festival will be available throughout the Southwest, so please pick up a copy to find out more from local Visitor Centres or local businesses including Augusta CRC.





By **MURRAY JORGENSEN**
 Photos by Murray Jorgensen, Scott
 Godley and Katrina Smart

VALE MICHAEL SMART

Recently the Tennis & Croquet Club lost two members with the sad passing of Club stalwart and Life Member, Michael Smart and a long standing and active Social Member, Sheila Austin.

The club members wish to pass on their heartfelt condolences to Katrina Smart and James Austin and their respective families. There will be a tribute to Sheila in an upcoming issue.



This month the Club would like to acknowledge and recognise Mike's significant contribution to tennis and the community over many years.

Mike and Katrina Smart moved from Manjimup to Augusta in 2000, and joined the Tennis Club, which quickly became part of the Smart's extended family. Their two daughters Tahlia and Rani also developed into skilled players.

Mike tirelessly served the Club over many years in various office-bearing positions including President for six years, Treasurer for four years as well as Club Captain.

Mike was always first to put his hand up whenever there was a busy bee or fund raising activities even in recent times of poor health. He was very generous with his time when the tennis courts were being resurfaced over the last two decades and was not afraid to tackle the physical jobs. He enjoyed fixing and maintaining things, and he would often wander down to the clubhouse and undertake court repairs or general maintenance off his own back. He cared a lot for the Club and its people.



Mike was always ready to lend a hand

He will be remembered as a generous and inclusive player taking it easy on players of less ability and regularly complementing other players or their great shots.

Mike was not the fastest server or biggest striker of the ball



Mike in action on the court

but had the determination and uncanny ability to run any ball down and just kept getting the ball back until a so-called better player made a mistake.

Mike was a great Club Ambassador, always promoting the sport and he was very welcoming to our annual visitors with his wonderful efforts being appropriately recognised in 2023 as he joined our small but elite

list of life members. Katrina was also recognised as a life member at the same time for her significant contributions.

He will also be remembered for his wider community efforts, which included twelve years as a Shire Councillor, including two years as Shire President. Mike was also involved in the opening of the Blackwood River Cut, lobbying for the Augusta Marina, Leeuwin Biddi trail to lighthouse, Town scaping Augusta and Flinders Bay Pontoon to name a few projects. Mike has left this community and our Club in a far better place than he found it. He will be sadly and profoundly missed around our Club and the Augusta community.



Mike was an enthusiastic supporter of social tennis



Mike and Katrina with their Augusta Tennis Club Life Memberships in late 2023

Mike was one of the key drivers for the construction of the Leeuwin Biddi trail out to the lighthouse (right). Here he is talking to cyclists during its recent opening (photo courtesy of Shire of Augusta Margaret River)





By JO HAYES
Images by Jo Hayes

For anyone who loves to, wants to, or hopes to, ocean swim please come and join us in our pristine local pool, Flinders Bay. We meet twice a week for "Technique Tuesdays" and "Threshold Thursdays" at 630am, rain, hail or shine. Most weekends you can find us lapping other stunning local spots including Hamelin Bay, Cosy Corner, Foul Bay and the Blackwood.

It's about fun, fitness and friendships...and its free! We are all ages and stages and different swimming ability and experience. Swim as much or as little as you want and join us for a coffee after at one of our local cafes.

We love newbies. Don't be shy. Just turn up. See you down there.

What's new?

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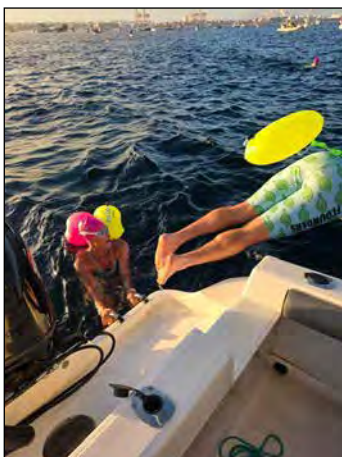
On the 21st March eleven Augusta Flounders, along with two support skippers and their Leisurecats, swam the 22kms from Leighton Beach to Rottnest Island as part of the epic event 'Port to Pub'.

The weather Gods were very kind with a light northerly in the morning and a gentle southerly by lunchtime to welcome the teams across the finish line on the Rotto foreshore.

Flounders were among a record 4000 other swimming competitors including the legendary 25km ultra soloists. What a spectacular event to be a part of.



Our two 'off the beach' starters launched into the ocean at Leighton foreshore around 6:30am and the rest were waiting 1km offshore to tag and relay 1 by 1 each team across the channel.





By **JUNE LE GALLEZ**

Spinners and Weavers gathered up their spinning and knitting and had their

first “Spin -Out” at Jenny’s beautiful home at Rosabrook on Tuesday 24th February, where we had a lovely lunch and made the acquaintance of her adorable little dog Missy. We all had a very memorable day. Thankyou to Jenny for her hospitality.



This year our Easter Exhibition will be held on Saturday 4th April in our club room at Augusta Centennial Hall from 9-00 am until 2-00pm. We will be spinning and weaving and have an array of handmade items on display and for sale. This is a great opportunity to purchase some quality items for the cooler weather. Beanies, scarves, socks,slippers and much more. We are also holding our annual Raffle, tickets available on the day.

We would also like to welcome a new recruit - a lovely 9 year old young lady with her mum who with the gentle guidance of Dot is learning the art of crochet.



This month I thought it would be nice to learn more about weaving, so this one is for Vicky, our weaver extraordinaire!

The wonderful world of weaving

Weaving has a rich history, spanning thousands of years. Evidence shows it started around 5000 BC in ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia and Asia. People used natural fibres like wool, flurry plants and cotton to create textiles on simple looms. Early weavers made practical things like clothing, blankets and baskets. They also wove intricate tapestries,rugs and ceremonial fabrics.

In many cultures weaving was an art form - Navajo blankets, Japanese Kimonas and African kdash cloths to name just a few. Aboriginal weavers use natural fibres like Pandanus grasses and Eucalyptus. Growing up in Guernsey, as children we would watch the fishermen on the beach making their crab and lobster pots by weaving wood, bamboo frames with hemp, cotton rope or willow.

Willow woven fences also known as *walleyes* are a combo of natural beauty and functionality, traditionally made from willow branches woven between stakes, perfect for rustic charm, wildlife friendly boundaries or riverbank stabilisation. The



weaving technique allows for airflow, flexibility and a sweet spot for plants to grow through.



Thatched roofs involve layering plant materials like straw or reeds to create a waterproof layer. While it doesn’t involve a traditional loom, the process does share similarities with weaving as the materials are interlaced to create a sturdy structure. Some might call it a form of “organic weaving”

Facts of the month

- The Wiradjuri people of Australia’s woven fishing nets are legendary.
- The oldest known woven fabric is 8,000 year old flax linen found in Turkey.

Don’t forget our rooms are open Easter Saturday 4th April, pay us a visit before you tuck in to your hot cross buns. Spinners and Weavers wish all you lovely people of Augusta a wonderful Easter.

A la Prochaine



*Augusta Wildlife Care W.A.
Inc Rescue, Rehabilitation &
Release of Australian Wildlife*

Article AND IMAGES BY JUDY WENBAN

The Augusta Wildlife Care (AWC) Annual General Meeting was held in March reporting on the activities of 2025.

Kerry Bell, a registered Wildlife Carer, remains the chairperson, with Gary Browne voted in as the new treasurer taking over from Leonie Mc Faull who has resigned as travel plans are in the not-too-distant future. AWC gratefully acknowledged Leonie's contribution in the formal establishment of the group and for her commitment to wildlife care. We welcome Gary to the committee with all other committee members remaining the same.

The meeting acknowledged the generous financial donations from community members and groups, Augusta Yoga, Augusta Garden Club and Containers for Change. Also, the consistent support provided by the Lions, Augusta Hotel, Augusta Meats, and the Village Grocer. AWC is a volunteer, self-funded organisation relying on donations and raising money through community raffles. Without these donations and support AWC would not be able to undertake our wildlife care activities. Monies raised goes principally towards specialised feed and equipment.

This year AWC members had over 105 wildlife encounters, requiring both long and short term care. This included the rearing of sixteen orphaned Western Grey Kangaroo joeys (under the care of our Margret River members), and a bat needing rehydration and release after 48 hours.

Not all critters required ongoing care - just a helping hand. In the spring and summer months we were often called to release small Kangaroo joeys trapped on the Augusta oval. The joeys are too small to jump the fence by themselves and forget to get in mum's pouch before she hops over.

There was also a collared sparrow hawk stuck in the pharmacy needing to be caught and set free and a baby seal found upriver that needed to be watched to ensure it came to no harm.



Western Ringtail Possums (WRP) have been the principal animal requiring care and rehabilitation in the Augusta region. Unfortunately there is an illness (? poisoning) of the WRP on Molloy Island. This results in the animal losing hair in patches, particularly around the tail.

They stop eating, resulting in weight loss, and show neurological signs including lack of coordination and weakness. Despite best efforts these animals often die or are taken to the vet to be humanely euthanised. Twelve WRP from Molloy Island died in 2025 while in AWC care.

Our principal possum carer on the mainland has been successful in rearing six WRP and one brushtail possum joeys this year. These babies are usually found on the ground, often abandoned when the mother is in an incident sometimes involving a cat or dog. Weighing on average only 100 grams when rescued, these babies require intensive feeding every 4 hours until they are able to lap milk and begin to feed on leaves. The WRP are released when they are fully weaned and weigh over a kilogram. This usually takes up to 14 weeks of daily care.

AWC are called to attend many birds, especially when they are fledging and learning to fly. These birds, if not injured, often are able to be released back to where they were found within a short period of time.

Other birds usually come into care due to injuries as a result of being hit by cars, caught in fishing line or attacked by other animals. A majority of these birds unfortunately die or are euthanised as their injuries are too severe.

Birds cared for came in all shapes and sizes with over fourteen different species identified in 2025. This included silver gulls, wattle birds, honey eaters, wood ducks, bronzewing pigeons, masked owl, crested tern, giant petrel, pardalote, kookaburras, tree martin, fantailed cuckoo, swallows and magpies.

This year we transferred to specialised carers two injured birds, notably one of the ospreys from Turner Street jetty to the WA Raptor Centre and a rockhopper penguin to WA Seabird rescue in Albany. Both birds were successfully rehabilitated over a number of weeks and released back into the wild.

Also released after a short rehabilitation period, was a Little Corella tangled by twine high in a tree at Turner Caravan Park. We thank again **SouthWest Tree Services** for volunteering their time and cherry picker to rescue the bird, saving it from a slow horrible death.

AWC would like to publicly acknowledge and thank the Margret River Veterinary Hospital whose services have a major role in all that we do. AWC are able to take any animal in need for treatment without appointments. The MR Vets volunteer their time and services and are crucial in relieving the suffering of the animals severely injured or ill.



*Augusta Wildlife Care W.A. Inc
Rescue Rehabilitation Release*

For help with injured or orphan Native Wildlife phone carer

Kerry Bell 0437 200 605	Leonie McFaull 0422 888 343
Augusta and surrounding region	

To donate: Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 ACC 187299 052
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Thank You

A big thank you
Leeuwin Lions for
their kind donation.
Helping us attain a
Samsung tablet for
the use of Augusta
Playgroup.



Rachael Coyle Augusta Playgroup

Wanted to Buy

Standard upright fridge with
freezer section. 1 or 2 door but
must be in working order.
Call Maddie 0458 958 480



Employment

Opportunity to Earn Some Money While Supporting your Community

Secretary/Treasurer Required at Leeuwin Aged Units

Leeuwin Aged Units is seeking a person to act as
Secretary/Treasurer. This is a volunteer role but includes
a monthly paid honorarium in recognition of the duties
undertaken.

On average the hours required to fulfil the role would be
6-8 hours per week.

This is a vital role in managing the administration and
finance functions of the association which includes
maintaining records, drafting minutes and agendas for
monthly meetings, coordinating maintenance requests and
facilitating effective communication between stakeholders.

We are seeking a person who has the following skills and
experience:

- bookkeeping and administration
- good organisational skills
- experience in accounting software (MYOB) and record
keeping
- ability to coordinate maintenance tasks with trades and
residents
- demonstrate patience and ability to engage in attentive
and compassionate listening

This position also comes with a dedicated laptop and
phone.

To get a copy of the Position Description and/or apply for
the role, please email leeuwinunits@gmail.com.

Please submit your application by 17 April 2026.

You are invited

Come and meet our
new minister in training

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR SCOTT THOMSON

Service led by Bishop Ian
Coutts

With National Director of Bush
Church Aid Rev Greg Harris

St Elizabeth's Anglican Church

Allnut Terrace Augusta
5 pm

Friday 24 April 2026

All Welcome

Augusta River Festival AGM Thursday 7 May 2026

The River Festival AGM will be
held on Thursday, 7 May in the
Augusta Hotel Miner's Room at
6.30 pm.

If you'd like the festival to
happen on the March long
weekend in 2027, now is the
time to volunteer and get
involved.

We are seeking individuals to
assist in administrative roles
and to help organise the event.
Share your skills or learn some
new ones. It's also great way to
learn more about your
community.

**We would love to see
you there!**



MOLLOY ISLAND'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

General Public and **Red Hatters** Welcome

DATE - FRIDAY 8th MAY 2026

Taking the 9.30 Ferry onwards

Time - 10.00am to 1.30pm

Where - Molloy Island

At the Shed alongside the Ferry

Ferry cost \$5.00 return trip per car

Morning Tea - Plate of goodies with tea or coffee \$5.00 per person

Raffle - Tickets \$5.00 each and drawn on the Day

All proceeds to Cancer Council

Local art and craft stalls

Barista Coffee available for purchase



Got ideas? Want to get involved? Join our next meeting on April 23, 5.30 pm at the Lesser Hall (by the rec centre) Or contact us at augusta_acda@yahoo.com

FRIENDS OF FLINDERS BAY



Hello Friends of Flinders Bay members. In case you aren't aware, I wish to advise that our Chairman Mike Smart has died on 22nd February, 2026, after a long battle with cancer.

Mike and his wife Katrina moved to Flinders Bay from Manjimup in 1999, and over many years, Mike has been a determined advocate for Augusta and

Flinders Bay, firstly as a Shire Councillor for 12 years from 2007, and as Shire President, 2015 to 2017.

Mike was instrumental in opening the Blackwood River mouth (near the Colour Patch) in 2011, after several years of low rainfall caused silt build-up and a decline in water quality as the river mouth shifted to the east. Now, the river near the Colour Patch has clean water that's flushed with the tides and enjoyed by swimmers, kite surfers, kayakers and rowers. Mike copped a lot of pushback from the public (interrupting the dog beach, being the main one), but he was determined to see this through.

He was also a passionate advocate for the construction of the new marina, allowing for safe boat launching and anchorage away from swimmers at Flinders Bay, where they had previously been launched. With Royalties for Regions funding of \$34.6m and support from the Local Member, Terry Redman, construction commenced in 2011, and the facility opened in 2014. The marina now provides safe boating access for whale watching, supports recreational boating, commercial fisheries and an offshore winery and abalone farm.

While Mike was on the Shire, he organised for dollars to be set aside from a Shire land sale to construct the walking/cycling track from Flinders settlement to the marina and, eventually, to the Lighthouse, when the final stage opened in December 2025. This path has already proven very popular with walkers and bikers alike, providing stunning views over the ocean.

He was instrumental in arranging the installation of the pontoon in the main Flinders swimming area in 2020 (kindly donated by Erich Fraunschiel) and has maintained the pontoon and anchorage with Brad Adams ever since.

Mike has been President of the Friends of Flinders Bay Group since 2020, and a member since its formation in 2017. We shall greatly miss Mike's enthusiasm and advocacy for our community.

We are planning a Friends of Flinders Bay AGM in the near future.

CONVERSATIONS TAALINUP AUGUSTA: JUDITH FORDHAM

The Real CSI: Outrageous tales from your local lawyer/scientist/TV star Judith Fordham! If you want to be inspired and hear some rollicking true stories, come along to hear Judith Fordham talk about forensic science, law and life! One of Australia's best known criminal lawyers, Judith raised 4 children, started her own successful legal practice, became a barrister and was also an Associate Professor of Forensic Science at UWA!

Sunday, April 12th 4 pm at Augusta Hotel, Tickets \$10 / \$5 Concession on the door or available via Humanitix here: <https://events.humanitix.com/forensic-law>

RECORD CLUB AT THE RADIO STATION Come along to hear and talk about Melbourne band **Glass Beams' album 'Mahal'** at the 2OceansFM Radio Station. **Monday, April 13th 5.30 pm.** It's free and BYO beverage. Enter via CRC.

COFFEE WITH FOGIES: JAY HARMAN

I've had the good fortune over the past several months to attend the informal weekly gatherings known as "Coffee with Fogies". Fogie is the old French word for wounded warrior. These wonderful gentlemen in their 80s and 90s are our tribal Elders. Those who, throughout history, have been given great respect and whose wise counsel was sought by their communities.

I'm repeatedly impressed by the lives these good blokes have led and the stories they can tell. We discuss all manner of things, including times when life was simpler in Western Australia. When kids ran free and made their own fun and toys. When corporal punishment in the form of painful whipping with a cane and belt was liberally metered out to mischievous boys, and there were no illicit drugs and very little serious crime in the community.

The group includes a retired mechanic who used to build high-performance Mini Cooper race cars for the Claremont Speedway. Another could tell you anything you might want to know about motorcycles. One was an ambulance driver who, for years, rescued people experiencing the worst days of their lives. Some of the group have founded and managed successful businesses from a country butcher and timber mill to a commercial providore. There's a remarkably clever and passionate artist. Another is a retired master mariner who, as a little boy, survived having two of his homes bombed to pieces and then two more burned down by Hitler's Battle of Britain air raids on London. Imagine that!

These men employed people, raised families and contributed to society. Many of their stories we can all relate to. Stories of challenge, loss and grief balanced by the joy of family and mates, adventure and creativity. It all adds up to hundreds of years of life experience and wisdom that only comes with age.

After all they have lived through, these men have quiet pride and dignity, optimism and humour.

Coffee With Fogies meets weekly at the Colourpatch on Wednesdays from 10 am.

AUGUSTA CRC OFFERING NEW DIGITAL SERVICES

The Augusta CRC has recently had its printers updated and we are now offering a photo printing service for locals on high quality photographic FujiFilm paper. This is a trial service to ensure we can meet the needs of our valued customers and we look forward to working with you to get the instant prints you want locally.

Sizes we can initially accommodate are :

- Standard photo print - 4x6" (10x15 cm) being the most common, ideal for photo albums.
- Other popular print sizes - 5x7" (12.7x17.8 cm) for portraits and 8x10" (20.5x25.5 cm) for framing.

If you are also interested in ordering some items using your photos for mugs, calendars, etc, please come into the CRC to discuss your needs, as we will be offering merchandise options through our Vistaprint subscription that you can order with us, and come back to collect at the CRC when ready. This service will be charged based on Vistaprint pricing and the CRC will add a small 15% surcharge to your final pricing to cover the administration.



We hope these services will help locals shop local and support your local Augusta Community Resource Centre in enabling us to continue to bring new and relevant services to you without having to travel out of town.

Staying in Place

Augusta Community Resource Centre needs Service Workers to support our local Support at Home clients under the Staying in Place program.

As we are gaining more clients to the program, we are in need of more local service workers to register with Mable. If you are over 18 years of age, you can apply for an ABN and become a Support Worker after undergoing an NDIS clearance.

We are currently requiring the following workers:

Daily Living, social and community activities

Indoor: Domestic assistance with dishes, changing bed linens, vacuuming, mopping

Outdoor: Domestic assistance with lawns, leaves, pruning, or handyman

Social: Social outings to partake in hobbies, shopping, transport for medical appointments

Personal Care, Nursing and Allied Health

Personal Care: showering, hoist and transfer and assistance with medication

Nursing: onboarding assessments, wound care, medication and catheter care

Allied Health: Occupational therapy, physiotherapy

What's in it for you?

- First 10 people who come on board to become a local service worker in Augusta will be reimbursed back the cost of the NDIS Police Clearance – value approx. \$150
- Receive insurance with all sessions invoiced through Mable.
- Your local skills, experience and local knowledge are valuable and you can get paid for having them
- You get paid for helping local seniors with their day to day tasks in your own town of Augusta
- No formal qualifications needed unless you are providing medical care
- No age limit - if you are a retiree, you can top up your pension with a couple of hours of work
- Choose your hours – you decide the hours you want to work from a few hours to a few days

Contact the Augusta CRC to find out more 9758 0002 or email manager@augustacrc.net.au.



By JARROD BRINDLEY

boots are thumping, crowds are buzzing, and here at your local radio station the studio lights are warming up for a season of our own. Something's in the air... and it sounds pretty good.

Let's start with a little late-weekend magic.

We're rolling out the velvet carpet for a brand-new show that feels like a dimly lit jazz bar tucked somewhere between Augusta and New Orleans. Our resident tech wizard (and now sonic curator) Ben Menaglo is stepping behind the mic with Nothing But the Blues. Think smooth, smoky, and effortlessly cool. A blend of fresh voices from the modern jazz scene mixed with the classics that already live rent-free in your soul. It's the kind of show that slows time down just enough to catch your breath before Monday comes knocking.

Sundays, 6-8pm. Trust us... this one's a vibe.

Now, while Ben's busy spinning gold, he's also been tinkering behind the scenes... and this is where things get properly exciting.

We're upgrading the heartbeat of the station with brand-new professional-grade sound cards. Not the flashy kind you see, but the kind you feel. Cleaner audio, richer tones, smoother delivery. Whether you're cruising down the highway, listening at the kitchen table, or streaming us

Another month hasn't just flown by... it's done a full lap and slammed into the siren. Footy season is back,

boots are thumping, crowds are buzzing, and here at your local radio station the studio lights are warming up for a season of our own. Something's in the air... and it sounds pretty good.

from the other side of the planet, everything is about to sound sharper, warmer, and just that little bit more... alive. It's not just an upgrade, it's a quiet revolution in how Augusta hears itself.

But here's the honest truth behind the curtain.

Great radio doesn't run on electricity alone. It runs on people. On time. On passion. And yes... on community support.

You might have spotted the ever-wonderful Christine Browne out and about at the local supermarket, bringing that friendly radio energy into the real world. That's not just a fundraiser. That's connection. That's your station stepping out from behind the microphone and saying, "Hey, we're part of this too."

So when you stop for a chat, sign up, or even just share a smile, you're doing more than supporting a station. You're helping upgrade equipment, nurture local voices, and keep Augusta's stories on air where they belong.

And speaking of support, we tip our hats to the legends backing us.

A huge thank you to Ray White for continuing to stand with your local station. It's always something special seeing local businesses, leaders, and community champions rally behind what we do. That kind of support doesn't just keep us going... it helps us grow louder, stronger, and better.

So as the footy kicks off and the season finds its rhythm, we'll be right here alongside it. Broadcasting, connecting, and telling the stories that make this place what it is.

Stay tuned. The best is just getting started.

CHAMBER MEMBER MINGLE HIGHLIGHTS COMMUNITY BANKING



for local businesses to connect in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Bank Manager Tony Greipl warmly hosted the evening, sharing insights into the history of the Bendigo Bank and its strong ties to the community. He spoke about how the community banking model has supported local initiatives



The recent Chamber of Commerce member mingle, hosted at our local Bendigo Bank, was a fantastic opportunity

over the years and outlined an exciting vision for the future, focused on continued local investment and growth.

Events like this highlight the importance of collaboration within our business community. Bringing people together not only strengthens professional relationships but also reinforces the shared commitment to supporting local enterprise.

A big thank you to Tony and the Bendigo Bank team for hosting such an engaging and informative evening.

The next event will be at the Augusta Police Station hosted by Sergeant Simon Harrison.



SUDOKU

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Sudoku Rules for Complete Beginners

- Use numbers 1-9.
- Sudoku is played on a grid of 9x9 spaces.
- Don't repeat any numbers.
- Don't guess.
- Sudoku is a game of logic and reasoning, so you shouldn't have to guess.
- Use process of elimination

Solution see page 45

Source:sudoku.com.au

TRIVIA

1. Along with a population on Bald Island, quokkas are mostly found on which other Western Australian island?
2. Name the former High Court justice who will lead the federal Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion.
3. Authors Naomi, Tom and Virginia all share a surname that is a homophone for which animal?
4. The advertising jingle for which now defunct Australian airline featured the phrase "Up, up and away"?
5. What is the male reproductive organ of a flower? (Bonus point for naming a flower's female reproductive organ.)
6. The winner of the 2026 Golden Globe for Best Motion Picture – Animated was [what] Demon Hunters?
7. The 15-kilometre-long Gotthard Tunnel is in: (a) Austria; (b) Germany; or (c) Switzerland.
8. Which 1962-1971 TV show featured the newly rich Clampett family?
9. In what body part would you find the tympanic membrane?
10. Name the reigning Australian Open men's and women's singles champions.



Answers on page 45

source:TheSaturdaypaper

CROSSWORD

Source:theguardian.com

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Across

- 7 Malcolm __, Peter Capaldi's character in The Thick of It (6)
- 8 2001 movie starring Audrey Tautou (6)
- 9 See 19 Down
- 10 Australian outlaw and folk legend (3,5)
- 11 Country bordered by Botswana and Angola (7)
- 13 See 6 Down
- 15 Citizen of Muscat (5)
- 17 Country bordered by Sudan and Djibouti (7)
- 20 __ Cuts; 1960s reductions to Britain's railway networks (8)
- 21 21 in 1978 (4)
- 22 Landmark near Staithes on the Yorkshire coast (3,3)
- 23 Fay __, actor who plays Jenny Gifford in Cold Feet (6)

Down

- 1 The capital of Zambia (6)
- 2 Hebridean island (4)
- 3 The current 21 (7)
- 4 Character played by Olivia Newton-John in Grease (5)
- 5 21 from 2005-2013 (8)
- 6/13 Actor known for her Olivier award winning performance in Yerma (6,5)
- 12 21 from 1721-1724 (8)
- 14 21 from 1831-1846 (7)
- 16 Breakfast food developed by Maximilian Bircher-Benner (6)
- 18 Short musical studies for which Chopin, for example, is known (6)
- 19/9 The first woman to be a bishop in the Church of England (5,4)
- 21 Alexander __, poet who presumed not God to scan? (4)

Solution see page 45



By ROD CLEMENT
PHOTOS BY NEIL HARDING

This has been a lean month for sailing at the AYC. We've had State Championships for the Windrush fleet, really windy Sundays and a scheduled picnic up at the ski area, which ended up being the best day for sailing on the river, spewing. Never mind the BBQ got lit and a picnic was had.



The States went down well up in GBYC, forty one Windrush cats sailing in all the divisions. The winds were pretty blowy, hitting 25kns on the first day but a nice 10kn on the Sunday



We had a second place getter on Catatonic in the Cat Rig division, single mainsail, with three really great sails to get there and was a very happy man at the end of the weekend.

Buzz Box crashed and burned in the first race, took out his fore stay in a collision with another out-of-towner, had to pack it up, have a beer and contemplate what could have been.

Cliff Hanger, sailing in the Super Sloops, mainsail, jib and trapeze, came second in class too.

They had great competition all weekend and by the sounds of it they all had some fun.

Well that's it for this month. With a bit of luck we will get some favourable conditions with the change of seasons.





Lower Blackwood Catchment

Land Conservation District Committee

Community Update April 2026



Whole Farm Planning – map your land, shape your future

Smarter Grazing for Better Land – how livestock can help grow the feed they rely on



What? A 3-day course to transform your farm landscape, boosting resilience, productivity and sustainability while working with nature, not against it
When? 3 full days: Monday April 13 9am-4pm, Tuesday April 14 9am-4pm, Monday 13 July 9am-4pm
How much? \$110 (incl GST) per farming enterprise
Where? Margaret River Men’s Shed, 5 Shepherdson Place, Margaret River

What? A full day workshop with holistic grazing expert Dr Judi Earl
When? Monday 18 May 9.00am-4.00pm
How much? \$55 (incl GST) per participant
Where? The Barn, 294 Bridgelands Road, Rosa Glen

Presented by **David Hardwick from Soil Land Food**, this innovative 3-day course will show you how to design and plan a healthy, resilient and productive rural landscape for your farm business. It will give you the confidence to identify issues, make decisions and take action to start improving landscape health and enterprise productivity on your property. At the end of the course you will have a carefully considered whole of farm plan.

At this workshop, **Holistic Grazing expert Dr Judi Earl** will share practical insights into different grazing approaches and how they influence pasture growth, composition and production, helping you make the most of the stock you already have on your farm.

The course is limited to a maximum of 15 farm enterprises to allow for personalised attention to the participants and will be hands-on and group based, combining theory with lots of practical activities.

1-1 Personalised Grazing Consults

Judi is also offering personalised, on-farm grazing consults from 19-23 May. Consults are for 2.5 hours and either morning or afternoon.

Consult + Workshop: \$110.00 (note: to secure a consult you must attend the workshop).

These consults are strictly limited and a unique opportunity for expert advice on your own farm.

To book, scan the QR code
www.lowerblackwood.com.au/events/whole-farm-planning-2026/



To book, scan the QR code
www.lowerblackwood.com.au/events/smarter-grazing-for-better-land



Both courses are supported through the Shire of Augusta Margaret River Environmental Management Fund

Want to know more about Lower Blackwood LCDC?
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Pretty but problematic – Spring bulbs



Chinchinchee invading bushland, Arum lily with its distinctive flowers and the highly invasive pink gladiolus.

Choosing spring colour wisely

Autumn is the time to choose and plant our spring bulbs, and gardeners have never had more choice! Local nurseries, garden centres, weekend markets, online retailers, and those irresistible full-colour catalogues. But before you fill your trolley, there are a few things worth knowing. Some popular bulbs are surprisingly toxic to people and animals; others have escaped gardens entirely and are now serious environmental weeds. When it comes to bulbs a little knowledge goes a long way.

Invasive bulbs

Around two-thirds of weeds in Australia were deliberately introduced as garden plants or fodder crops. The south-west of WA has a Mediterranean-type climate, which means plants from South Africa and other Mediterranean regions grow exceptionally well here, sometimes too well!

Several common bulbs can escape from gardens and invade bushland, outcompeting native plants. Plants to be cautious about include Freesia, Watsonia, Sparaxis and some Gladiolus, particularly older varieties.

Toxic bulbs

Cape tulips (*Moraea* spp.) were introduced in the 1800s; they are now widespread, established weeds. It's their toxic glycosides that are responsible for livestock poisoning.

Chinchinchee (*Ornithogalum thyrsoides*) is toxic to livestock and dogs; it's known to cause gastrointestinal illness and blindness in cattle. Found at a few locations in the south-west of WA, it's one to avoid.

Arum lily (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) is beautiful but extremely invasive, and toxic to all livestock, pets and humans. It has colonised thousands of hectares in south-west WA.

Tips for safe plantings

- Choose non-invasive, non-toxic species where possible.
- Store bulbs safely, away from children and pets, and label anything in the fridge.
- Never dump garden waste in bushland or farmland – a single discarded bulb can establish a new weed population.

⚠ If you suspect poisoning

People: Call the Poisons Information Centre immediately on 13 11 26 (24 hours, 7 days)

Livestock or pets: Contact your vet without delay



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HEARD ON THE GREEN

By Kay Challis

It seems that February/March is usually the busiest time of year at the Augusta Bowling Club and this year was no exception.

The club hosted two two-day carnivals drawing bowlers statewide and took part in the annual Club Championships and League Championships.

The Augusta Hotel/ Hamelin Bay Holiday Park Ladies Open Fours carnival again attracted 104 ladies representing 13 clubs from around the state.

Bowls were competitive, laughter was compulsory and most players found enough energy to continue the competition on the dance floor to finish off the day.

So successful was the carnival that nominations are already filled for next year.

Without major sponsors events such as these cannot be held, so the Club would like to acknowledge and thank the following local businesses for their ongoing support; Augusta Hotel, Hamelin Bay Holiday Park, Retravisio, Flukes, Augusta Pharmacy and Augusta Xtreme Outdoor Sports.

As part of the carnival a fundraiser event for Breast Cancer was also held raising around \$500 for this great cause.

Both the winning team and Runner up team this year came from Busselton.

Moving on to the Championships.

LADIES

- **Betty Mead Memorial Veterans Singles Champion** this year is Mem Evans with Kay Challis runner up.
- **Pat Dillon Memorial Singles Championship** was won by Helen Reid with Wendy Wilson runner up.
- **Singles Plate** winner was Mem Evans with Jane Kelly runner up.

MENS

- **Open Singles Champion** this year is Andrew Drayton with Owen Rafferty runner up.
- **Men's Novice Singles Champion** is Kelly Donaldson with Austin Fraser runner up.
- **Veteran Singles Champion** is Owen Rafferty with Gary Dial runner up.
- **Triples Championship** resulted in a win for Owen Rafferty, Simon Woodward, and Gary Bibby. Runners up were Ken Proctor, Gary Dial and Austin Fraser.

A hearty congratulations to all our 2026 champions. Long may they reign! Let's also give a big thumbs up to all participants. We can't all be winners and grinners but remember it is necessary to have many players to make up a competition.

Meanwhile the pennant competition has continued. Although Augusta claimed top spot for the Tuesday competition, they were unable to bring their best game to the finals and succumbed to the pressure applied by Margaret River.

Augusta also secured top spot in Saturday Pennants and aims for a stronger performance in the forthcoming grand finale to be played in Augusta.

Best of luck to all players. We look forward to displaying the trophy in the clubhouse.

Wonderful Autumn weather has graced the greens for Corporate Bowls so far and we hope this will continue. What a delight to play without the dreaded S/E wind.

The lively banter, sledging, and laughter on the greens suggests everyone is enjoying themselves; we hope this continues throughout the short season.

Remember our regular weekly events:

MIXED MUFTI

WEDNESDAY Mixed Mufti. Register 12-30pm

FRIDAY Mixed Mufti Scroungers. Register 2-30pm

LADIES;

THURSDAY Register 9-00am

I wish you all a very Happy Easter with family and friends and may you enjoy lots of easter eggs. See you on the green!



Betty Mead Memorial Veterans Singles Champion, Mem Evans



Pat Dillon Memorial Singles Championship Helen Reid (winner) and Wendy Wilson (runner up)

2oceansFM Program Schedule



Day	Time	Show	Presenter
Monday	8:30 - 9:00 AM	Shire Chat	Owen Jones
	10:00 - 11:00 AM	Monday Sports Show	Owen, Jarrod, Christine
	5:30 - 6:30 PM (Monthly)	Record Club	Rotation
	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Raised On Rock	Mark O'Neill
Tuesday	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Alphabeth	Beth Cummings
	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Chris's Compilations	Chris Cummings
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Artist Of The Week	Jarrod Brindley
	8:00 - 9:00 PM	On Air With Brian Peel	Brian Peel
Wednesday	9:30 - 10:00 AM	Kiddies Corner	Christine Brown
	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	All That Jazz	Christine Brown
	3:00 - 5:00 PM	Mixed Bag	Neil Haring
	5:00 - 7:00 PM	Fridge Report	Chris Cusack
Thursday	9:00 - 9:30 AM	David Cleary Audiobook Series	David Cleary
	2:00 - 3:00 PM	Afternoon Shift	Jarrod Brindley
	3:30 - 4:30 PM	Rik Lok Show	Rik Lok
	5:00 - 6:00 PM	A Breath Of Fresh Air	Sandy Kaye
	8:00 - 9:00 PM	Atomic	Melainie Smith
Friday	8:30 - 9:00 AM (Fortnightly)	Shire Talk	Owen Jones
	12:00 - 1:00 PM	In Your Neighbourhood	Pam Winter
	1:00 - 2:00 PM	Afternoon Shift	Jarrod Brindley
	2:00 - 4:00 PM	History Rock N Roll	Adam Mathews
	4:00 - 6:00 PM	Private J Live	Jarrod Brindley
	9:00 - 10:00 PM	Sugar Radio	Robin Schultz
Saturday	8:00 - 9:00 AM	Word For The Day	Amber Pasco
	9:00 AM	Lost In Science	CRN
	9:30 AM	Unscripted Science	CRN
	10:05 - 10:15 AM	Women On The Move	Donny Walford
	10:15 - 10:30 AM	Just Breath	Adrian Testa
	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	The Country Wardrobe	Nardia Drayton
	12:00 - 1:00 PM	Strong, Single and Human	Claire Martin
	2:00 - 3:00 PM	Cinema Australia	Matthew Eels
	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Australian Music is Bloody Great	CRN
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Lizard Lounge	Ben Thomas	
Sunday	8:00 - 8:35 AM	Sunday Reflection	Bill & Vicki
	8:35 - 9:00 AM	Lost In Science	CRN
	9:00 - 10:00 AM	All The Dirt	Steve Wood
	12:00 - 1:00 PM	The Red Carpet	Ann Paterson
	2:00 - 2:35 PM	Sunday Reflection	Bill & Vicki
	4:00 - 5:00 PM	Top Of The Pops	Kim Robinson
6:00 - 8:00 PM	Nothing But the Blues	Ben Menalgo	



Community Announcements Daily at 3pm – 3:05pm

Presented by: Erin Kingston, Pam Winter, Wendy Mathews and Beth Cummings.



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- ### TRIVIA ANSWERS
1. Rottnest Island/Wadjemup.
 2. Virginia Bell.
 3. Wolf (Tom Wolfe, Naomi Wolf, Virginia Woolf).
 4. TAA (Trans Australia Airlines).
 5. The stamen. (Bonus point: the pistil or carpel.)
 6. KPop.
 7. (c) Switzerland.
 8. The Beverly Hillbillies.
 9. The ear.
 10. Jannik Sinner and Madison Keys.

AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE
Anglican Church	Sunday & Wednesday	Please check noticeboard at the church	Church Service	St Elizabeth's Church, Allnut Tce
Augusta Art Club and Studio Gallery	Tuesday Wednesday & Friday	6:30pm - 8:30pm 10:00am- 2:00pm	Art activities 9758 0363	Centennial Hall - Art Room
Augusta Badminton Club	Social games every Wednesday	6.30pm-8.30pm	All ages welcome. Equipment provided if needed. Contact Sandra Lambe Ph 0450 234 510	Augusta Recreation Centre, Allnut Tce
Augusta Bowling Club	Wednesday Thursday	12.30pm 9.00am	Men's Mufti Ladies Bowls	Allnut Tce
Augusta Bridge Club	Monday	12:15pm for 12:30pm	Weekly Game Sue Air 0419 953369	Historical Soc room
Augusta Chambers of Commerce	Every 4th Thursday of the Month	5:30pm	secretary@augustawachamber.com.au	Various locations around town
Augusta Community Development Assoc	Meet fourth Thursday of each month	5:30pm	Community building, augusta_acda@yahoo.com	Augusta Library Lesser Hall
Augusta Community Garden	Open Daily, Mebers meet Mondays	9.30am	Community visits Gardening/Stall	68 Blackwood Ave (opposite Butcher)
Augusta Community Nursery	Mondays	8:30am-10:30am	Nursery Work	Front of Lions Shed, Hillview Rd
Augusta Community Rowing Association	Rowing days vary	6.30am 8.30am	Wish to come rowing in our Skiffs? call Trevor Kent 0473 089 803	Augusta Yacht Club
Augusta CWA	1st Wed every month	1:30pm	Monthly Meeting	CWA Hall, Allnut Tce
Augusta Croquet Club	Monday & Saturday	12:30pm-4:00pm	Golf Croquet Doreen 0428 581 557	Augusta Sporting Complex, Allnut Tce
Augusta Dru Yoga Group	Wednesday & Saturday	Wed 5:00pm Sat 8:00am	Dru Yoga	Augusta CRC, Allnut Tce
Augusta Garden Club	3rd Monday every month	1:30pm-3:30pm		See Pelican Post - Garden Gossip
Augusta Golf Club	Tuesday & Friday Wednesday Saturday Sunday	12:00pm 9:30am 11:30pm 11:30pm	Men's Scroungers Ladies 18 Holes Men's 18 Holes Mixed 18 Holes	Hillview Road
Augusta Historical Society	3rd Thursday every month	7:00pm	Monthly Meeting	Society Rooms, Blackwood Ave
Augusta Historical Museum	Daily	1:00pm-4:00pm	Closed Christmas Day/ Boxing Day	Museum Blackwood Ave
Augusta Men's Shed	Mon, Wed and Fri Sat Thursday	9:00am-1:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm 9:00am-12:00pm	Member Shed activities Community Morning (ladies and men)	Men's Shed, Hillview Rd
Augusta Playgroup	Every Fri during School Term	9:00am-11:00am	Playgroup for 0-5 yr olds, all welcome	Augusta PS Kindy, sign in @ office
Augusta River and Coast Care	Thursday	8:30am-10:30am	Gudrun Thiele 0413 381 852	TBA
Augusta River FestivalInc.	As advertised on FB	6:30pm		Augusta Primary School
Augusta Spinners & Weavers	Tuesday Thursday	10:30am 7:00pm	Textile Crafts	Centennial Hall
Augusta Singrays	Wednesday / Weekly	5.30pm-7pm	Singing Deb Perry 042 8131 148	Augusta Hotel Function Room

AUGUSTA COMMUNITY GROUPS CALENDAR

GROUP	DATE	TIME	EVENT/CONTACT	VENUE
Augusta Tennis Club	Wed & Sat	2:00 pm	Louise 0439 000 810	Civic Park
Augusta Ukulele Group	Tuesday	4:30pm	Weekly Meeting Sue Air 9758 0098	CWA Hall
Augusta Uniting Church	3rd Wednesday of each month	2:00pm	Monthly Gatherings	Leeuwin frail age lodge - Sunroom
Augusta Yacht Club	Most Sundays as per programme	12:00pm onwards	January – April Call 0419 953 369 for program	Augusta Yacht Club
Berean Baptist Church	Sunday Wednesday	10:00am-11:00am 11:00am - 12:00pm 2:00pm - 3:00pm 9:00am - 10:00am	Bible Study Morning Service Afternoon Service Bible Study	Centennial Hall CWA Hall - MargretR.
Civic Park Golf Club	Wednesday Sunday	May - Nov 9:00am Dec - April 8:00am		Allnut Tce
Coops Cottage Craft	Thursday	12.00pm - 4:00pm	Wool, Fabric & other crafts	Dr John Williams Room, Leeuwin Units
Friends of Cape Leeuwin	Every First Tuesday of the month	8.45am - 11:30am	Gudrun Thiele 0413 381 852	Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse Precinct
Hash House Harriers	Monday	Start at 4:30pm	Walking	See the Newsagency window
Karridale Augusta R.S.L Sub Branch	1st Wednesday/ Month	1:00pm	Monthly Meeting John Wilson 0427 586 493	Augusta Bowls Club, Allnut Tce
Kudardup Bush Fire Brigade	1st & 3rd Thursday each month	5:30pm	Training	Kudardup Fire Shed, Kudardup Rd
Leeuwin Lions Club	2nd & 4th Monday/Month	7:30pm	Fortnightly Dinner	Augusta Hotel
Over 65 Bloke's Coffee Catchup	Every Wednesday	from 10:00am	augusta_acda@yahoo.com	Colourpatch
Paint by Numbers Public Art Group	Project-specific	Please contact for details	Contact paintbynumbers6290@yahoo.com	Project - specific
Pickleball	Monday	10:30am - 12:00pm 7:00pm - 8:30pm	Scott 0477 837 368	Augusta Rec Centre
St John Ambulance	1st & 3rd Mon Month Friday	7:00pm 8:30am	Training Equipment Checks	Augusta SJA sub centre, Donovan St
Table Tennis	Tuesday & Thursday	10:30am - 12pm	John 0417 744 224	Augusta Rec Centre
Tai Chi Qigong	Monday	10am - 11.00 am	Exercise	Augusta Yacht Club
Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service	1st Tuesday/Month Every other Tuesday	6:00pm – 8:30pm 5:30pm – 7:00pm	Checks & Monthly meeting Checks & Training Drill	Augusta Fire Station, Allnut Tce
Volunteer Sea Search & Rescue	2nd Thursday/Month	5:30pm	Monthly Meeting Ph. 0408 907 966	Old Rangers Res, Leeuwin Rd
If your community group would like to be included in the calendar, call the Augusta CRC on 9758 0002 or email editor@pelicanpost.com.au with the details.				

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